

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph, on page 6, of the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Figures 1 and 2 show the preferred embodiment of the sliding piston opening means. In the preferred embodiment, the sliding piston opening means comprises of a section of a tube 1 with an opening 2 such as a slit through part of its length with an elliptical shaped piston 3 with a sealing diameter 4 between its two ends approximately that of the inside diameter of the tube 1 disposed within the tube 1. An O-ring may be disposed at the sealing diameter 4 to provide the sealing function. The sliding piston opening means is affixed inside a compressible elongated tubular housing 5 with a sealed end 6 and an open end 7 and with approximately the same inside diameter as the outside diameter of the sliding piston opening means. Alternatively, the section of tube 1 of the sliding piston opening means and the compressible elongated tubular housing 5 may be formed as a single unit with the section of tube 1 being in the form of a reduced diameter within the compressible elongated tubular housing. One or both ends of the elongated tubular housing 5 may optionally be covered with an applicator. A fluid 8 is enclosed within the compressible elongated tubular housing 5 near the sealed end 6. The sliding piston opening means separates the fluid 8 from the open end 7 of the compressible elongated tubular housing 5 thereby sealing the fluid 8 within the compressible elongated tubular housing 5. The sliding

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piston opening means is operated by squeezing the compressible elongated tubular housing **5** at or near the sliding piston **3**.